

## Basic Information and Agreement Sheet (BIAS)

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	Jewish		\$15,000-\$19,999		3		<b>Current Military</b>	1
	Muslim		\$20,000-\$29,000		4		Other	
	Buddhist		\$30,000-\$49,999		5		Prefer not to ar	ıswer
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#### **Telehealth Informed Consent**

Client Name:	Cliffician:	

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Cliant Name

Telehealth allows my therapist to diagnose, consult, treat, and educate using interactive audio-video or telephone communication. I hereby consent to participating in psychotherapy via audio-video communication (referred to as "Telehealth" below.)

#### I understand I have the following rights under this Agreement:

I have a right to confidentiality with Telehealth under the same laws that protect the confidentiality of my medical information for in-person psychotherapy. Any information disclosed by me during the course of my therapy, therefore, is generally confidential.

There are, by law, exceptions to confidentiality, including mandatory reporting of child, elder, and dependent adult abuse and any threats of violence I may make toward a reasonably identifiable person. I also understand that if I am in such mental or emotional condition to be a danger to myself or others, my therapist has the right to break confidentiality to prevent the threatened danger. My clinician and I will establish an emergency plan and protocol for contact in between sessions. This will be established before the start of treatment, and I can request a copy of these protocols in writing. Further, I understand that the dissemination of any personally identifiable images or information from Telehealth interaction to any other entities shall not occur without my written consent.

I further understand that there are risks unique and specific to Telehealth, including but not limited to, the possibility that our therapy sessions or other communication by my therapist to others regarding my treatment could be disrupted or distorted by technical failures or could be interrupted or could be accessed by unauthorized persons. In addition, I understand that Telehealth treatment is different from in-person therapy and that if my therapist believes I would be better served by another form of psychotherapeutic services, such as in-person treatment, it may be recommended that I come into the office for sessions.

Saint Louis Counseling clinicians use Zoom to conduct telehealth sessions, in addition to telephones. Clinicians do not download any client PHI (personal health information) onto their computers, phones, or tablets, and are trained and are current in HIPAA compliance. In order to use Zoom, Saint Louis Counseling must have an accurate email address for you on file. Please add it on the back of this form.

I am responsible and not my insurance company for co-payments, coinsurances, and deductibles. I agree to obtain the necessary authorizations to receive services. I agree to pay the fee, co-payment, and deductible and understand that payment is expected at the time services are rendered. I agree to pay the fee, co-payment, and insurance amount for non-emergency cancellations with less than a 24-hour notice. I give permission to Saint Louis Counseling to bill my insurance company and to receive payment for services. I understand that I remain personally responsible for payment of services provided.

I have read and understand the information provided above. I have the right to discuss any of this information with my therapist and to have any questions I may have regarding my treatment answered to my satisfaction.

I understand that I can withdraw my consent to Telehealth communications by providing written notification to Saint Louis Counseling. My signature below indicates that I have read this Agreement and agree to its terms.

#### Information for Zoom or Phone Telehealth

Email for Zoom:		
Best phone number for phone and billing purposes		
	P. I.	
Client Signature	Date	
Clinician Signature	Date	



#### Consent to Treatment Form

#### Confidentiality:

I understand that the services provided to me by Saint Louis Counseling are confidential. Except under specific circumstances, information collected during interviews and sessions can only be discussed in closed supervision meetings within Saint Louis Counseling. I am aware that there are some circumstances under which Saint Louis Counseling is required or permitted by law to release information. These circumstances include instances of suspected child abuse or neglect, in situations in which there might be danger of harm to myself or others, or in response to court orders or subpoenas. I understand that in all other circumstances, however, Saint Louis Counseling will carefully maintain my privacy.

#### Releases:

I hereby authorize Saint Louis Counseling to release information necessary for billing, financial or chart audits, quality assurance reviews, and for collection of nonpayment of charges. This release will be valid until I am no longer receiving services at Saint Louis Counseling and my account is settled. I also understand that the release of any other information will require my written consent.

#### Consent to Treatment / Assessment:

I have discussed any questions with my clinician. Thus, with understanding of the above, I hereby consent to accepting assessment, treatment, and/or care from the staff of Saint Louis Counseling.

#### For Minor Receiving Services:

I understand that I have the right to participate in my child's treatment and to speak with my child's clinician regarding my concerns.

Signature of Patient / Legal Guardian	Date
Relationship to Patient	
Signature of Staff Member	Date



# Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices

(Effective April 14, 2003)

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Saint Louis Counseling Notice of Privacy Practices.

Signature of Client or Client's Representative	Date
PRINT Client or Representative Name	
Relationship of Representative to Client	
Client refused to sign Acknowledgement	_
Signature of Person Witnessing Refusal	

Please print and complete the new client paperwork below and bring with you at the time of your appointment. If the new client paperwork is not completed and brought with you, you will be expected to arrive 30 minutes before your scheduled appointment time to complete. Any incomplete paperwork may cause a delay in your session time or result in the need to reschedule.



## NO SHOW/LATE CANCELLATION POLICY

Please note: Our agency requires a 24 hour notice if you are unable to keep your appointment. This is necessary so that we may offer that appointment time to someone else who is waiting to see our provider. Repeatedly missing appointments or failure to give proper notice will result in a missed appointment fee, (\$40.00) or dismissal from services.

Signature	Date	

## **MEDICATION POLICY**

For clients who will be seeing our psychiatrist for medication management, please note:

It is your responsibility to keep your medications and prescriptions in a safe place. If medications are lost or stolen, your insurance company will not pay to replace them until they are due to be refilled. Some of the medications can be rather costly. A serious concern is if the medication falls into the wrong hands, as this could be very dangerous. If a prescription or medication is lost or stolen, your chart will be reviewed by your physician, and he/she will decide if a replacement prescription is appropriate. Please take your medication only as prescribed unless you have discussed a change with your physician.

Signature	Date	
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## Intake Forms – Adult

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		Anger				Impulsivity	
		Anxiety/worry				Isolation	
		Appetite changes				Lack of motivation	nn
		Breaking the law				Learning probler	
		Crying spells					significant person
		Decreased energy				Marital/relationsh	
		Depression				Mood swings	
		Developmental disabilities				Physical compla	ints
		Difficulty concentrating				School problems	
		Disobedience				Self-mutilation	
		Drugs/alcohol				Sexual problems	)
		Eating disorders				Sleep changes	
		Fears				Speech/languag	e problems
		Fighting				Stress	
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Your Name				Page 2 of 3
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Date of Previous Marriage				rce
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Family Member	Name	Age	Marital Status	If deceased, date and cause
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Parent				
Parent				
Parent				
Sibling				
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How would you describe y	our relationship with v	our father?		
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Have you ever been a per	petrator of abuse? If y	es, please descr	ibe	
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Are you under work/finance	ial stress? If yes, plea	ise describe.		
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LEGAL INFORMATION				
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Are you currently involved	in any legal actions, s	uch as divorce, b	ankruptcy, or lawsuit? If y	yes, please describe
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Have you ever received a	DWI or DUI? If yes, p	Iease describe		

Your Name						Page 3 of 3
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MEDICAL INFORMATION	<u> </u>					
Primary Care Doctor			Phone	#	Last E	xam Date
Please list any current and	past impair	ments, illnesse	es, surgeries, and	hospitalizatio	ns	
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How frequently do you exe Current Medications						
Name of			Taken As	Date	Prescribing	List Any
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Please list any current and	previous co	ounseling and p	osychiatric treatm	ent for you an	nd/or any family mem	bers.
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Is there anything else you	would like u	s to know?				



#### NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

Effective April 14, 2003

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact the Privacy Officer at: 314-544-3800

#### WHO WILL FOLLOW THIS NOTICE

This Notice describes our Agency's practices and that of:

- Any health care professional authorized to enter information into your health record.
- All departments and units of the Agency.
- Any member of a volunteer group we allow to help you while you are receiving services from the Agency.
- All employees, staff and other Agency personnel, including personnel within other agencies of the Catholic Charities' Federation with whom we may share information.
- All these programs, sites and locations will follow the terms of this Notice. In addition, these programs, sites and locations may share health information with each other for treatment, payment or agency operations purposes described in this notice.

#### <u>OUR PLEDGE REGARDING HEALTH</u> INFORMATION

We understand that health information about you and your health is personal. We are committed to protecting health information about you. We create a record of the care and services you receive at the agency. We need this record to provide you with quality care and to comply with certain legal requirements. This Notice applies to all of the records of your care generated by the Agency, whether made by Agency personnel or your personal doctor or other practitioners involved in your care. Your personal doctor may have different policies or notices regarding the doctor's use and disclosure of your health information created in the doctor's office or clinic.

This Notice will tell you about the ways in which we may use and disclose health information about you. We also describe your rights and certain obligations we have regarding the use and disclosure of health information.

We are required by law to:

- make sure that health information that identifies you is kept private;
- give you this Notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to health information about you; and
- follow the terms of the Notice that is currently in effect.

## HOW WE MAY USE AND DISCLOSE HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

The following categories describe different ways that we use and disclose health information. For each category of uses or disclosures we will explain what we mean and try to give some examples. Not every use or disclosure in a category will be listed. However, all of the ways we are permitted to use and disclose information will fall within one of the categories.

For Treatment. We may use health information about you to provide you with health treatment or services. We may disclose health information about you to doctors, nurses, technicians, health care students, clergy, or others who are involved your care. For example, an individual comes to the Agency to deal with a specific mental health issue. An intake worker may take some basic intake and assessment information, which would then be shared with a supervisor. Based on the preliminary assessment information, the supervisor will assign the case to a treatment professional and share existing information. treatment professional in the process of developing a treatment plan, will gather additional information. This information may be shared with additional team members who are a part of your treatment team. Upon your discharge, the information may also be shared with those responsible for any aftercare services.

- For Payment. We may use and disclose health information about you so that the treatment and services you receive at the Agency may be billed to and payment may be collected from you, an insurance company or a third party. For example, we may need to give your health plan information about services you received from the Agency so your health plan will pay us or reimburse you for the services. We may also tell your health plan about a treatment you are going to receive to obtain prior approval or to determine whether your plan will cover the treatment.
- For Agency Operations. We may use and disclose health information about you for Agency operations. These uses and disclosures are necessary to run the Agency and make sure that all of our clients receive quality care. For example, we may use health information to review our treatment and services and to evaluate the performance of our staff in caring for you or we or our designee may send you a patient satisfaction survey. We may also combine health information about many clients to decide what additional services the agency should offer, what services are not needed, and whether certain new treatments are also effective. We may disclose information to doctors, nurses. technicians, health care students, and other Agency personnel for review and learning purposes. We may also combine the health information we have with health information from other agencies to compare how we are doing and see where we can make improvements in the care and services we offer. We may remove information that identifies you from this set of health information so others may use it to study health care and health care delivery without learning who the specific patients
- Appointment Reminders. We may use and disclose health information to contact you as a reminder that you have an appointment for treatment or other services at the Agency.
- Treatment Alternatives. We may use and disclose health information to tell you about or recommend possible treatment options or alternative services that may be of interest

to you.

- Health-Related Benefits and Services. We may use and disclose health information to tell you about health-related benefits, services, or health education classes that may be of interest to you.
- Fundraising Activities. We may use information about you to contact you in an effort to raise money for the Agency and its operations. We may disclose information to a foundation related to the Agency so that the foundation may contact you in raising money for the Agency. We would only release contact information, such as your name, address and phone number and the dates you received treatment or services at the Agency. If you do not want the Agency to contact you for fundraising efforts, you must notify our Privacy Officer in writing.
  - Payment for Your Care. We may release health information about you to a care giver who may be a friend or family member. We may also give information to someone who helps pay for your care.
  - Under Research. certain circumstances, we may use and disclose health information about you for research purposes. For example, a research project may involve comparing the health and recovery of all patients who received one medication to those who received another, for the same condition. ΑII research projects. however, are subject to a special approval process. We will almost always ask for your specific permission if the researcher will have access to vour name, address or other information that reveals who you are, or will be involved in your care at the Agency.
  - As Required Bv Law. We will disclose health information about you when required to do so by federal, state or local law.

#### SPECIAL SITUATIONS

- Organ and Tissue Donation. If you are an organ donor, we may release health information to organizations that handle organ procurement or organ, eye or tissue transplantation or to an organ donation bank, as necessary to facilitate organ or tissue donation and transplantation.
- Military and Veterans. If you are a member of the armed forces, we may release health information about you as required by military command authorities. We may also release health information about foreign military personnel to the appropriate foreign military authority.
- Workers' Compensation. We may release health information about you for workers' compensation or similar programs. These programs provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness.
- Public Health Risks (Health and Safety to you and/or others). We may disclose health information about you for public health activities. We may use and disclose health information about you to agencies when necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health and safety or the health and safety of the public or another person. These activities generally include the following:
  - to prevent or control disease, injury or disability;
  - to report births and deaths;
  - to report child abuse or neglect
  - to report reactions to medications or problems with products;
  - to notify people of recalls of products they may be using;
  - to notify a person who may have been exposed to a disease or may be at risk for contracting or spreading a disease or condition;
  - to notify the appropriate government authority if we believe a patient has been the victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence. We will only make this disclosure when required or authorized by law.

- Health Oversight Activities. We may disclose health information to a health oversight agency for activities authorized by law. These oversight activities include, for example, audits, investigations, inspections, and licensure. These activities are necessary for the government to monitor the health care system, government programs, and compliance with civil rights laws.
- Lawsuits and Disputes. If you are involved in a lawsuit or a dispute, we may disclose health information about you in response to a court or administrative order. We may also disclose health information about you in response to a subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process by someone else involved in the dispute.
- <u>Law Enforcement</u>. We may release health information if asked to do so by a law enforcement official:
  - In response to a court order, subpoena, warrant, summons or similar process;
  - To identify or locate a suspect, fugitive, material witness, or missing person;
  - About the victim of a crime if, under certain limited circumstances, we are unable to obtain the person's agreement;
  - About a death we believe may be the result of criminal conduct;
  - About criminal conduct at the agency; and
  - In emergency circumstances to report a crime; the location of the crime or victims; or the identity, description or location of the person who committed the crime.
- Coroners, Health Examiners and Funeral Directors. We may release health information to a coroner or health examiner. This may be necessary, for example, to identify a deceased person or determine the cause of death. We may also release health information

about clients of the Agency to funeral directors as necessary to carry out their duties.

- National Security and Intelligence Activities. We may release health information about you to authorized federal officials for intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities authorized by law.
- Protective Services for the President and Others. We may disclose health information about you to authorized federal officials so they may provide protection to the President, other authorized persons or foreign heads of state.
- Inmates. If you are an inmate of a correctional institution or under the custody of a law enforcement official, we may release health information about you to the correctional institution or law enforcement official. This release would be necessary (1) for the institution to provide you with health care; (2) to protect your health and safety or the health and safety of others; or (3) for the safety and security of the correctional institution.

#### OTHER USES OF HEALTH INFORMATION

Other uses and disclosures of health information not covered by this notice or the laws that apply to us will be made only with your written permission. If you provide us permission to use or disclose health information about you, you may revoke that permission, in writing, at any time. If you revoke your permission, we will no longer use or disclose health information about you for the reasons covered by your written authorization. You understand that we are unable to take back any disclosures we have already made with your permission, and that we are required to retain our records of the care that we provided to you.

## YOUR RIGHTS REGARDING HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

You have the following rights regarding health information we maintain about you:

Right to Inspect and Copy. You have

the right to inspect and copy health information that may be used to make decisions about your care. Usually, this includes health and billing records.

To inspect and copy health information that may be used to make decisions about you, you must submit this request in writing to the Client Records Department at

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If you request a copy of the information, we will charge a fee for the costs of copying, mailing or other supplies associated with your request.

We may deny your request to inspect and copy in certain very limited circumstances. If you are denied access to health information, you may request that the denial be reviewed. A licensed health care professional chosen by the Agency will review your request and the denial. The person conducting the review will not be the person who denied your request. We will comply with the outcome of the review.

Right to Amend. If you feel that health information we have about you is incorrect or incomplete, you may ask us to amend the information. You have the right to request an amendment for as long as the information is kept by or for the Agency.

To request an amendment, your request must be made in writing and submitted to the Director of Client Records. In addition, you must provide a reason that supports your request.

We may deny your request for an amendment if it is not in writing or does not include a reason to support the request. In addition, we may deny your request if you ask us to amend information that:

 Was not created by us, unless the person or entity that created the information is no longer available to make the amendment;

- Is not part of the health information kept by or for the Agency;
- Is not part of the information which you would be permitted to inspect and copy; or
- Is accurate and complete.

## Right to an Accounting of Disclosures. You have the right to request an "accounting of disclosures" under certain

"accounting of disclosures" under certain circumstances. This is a list of the disclosures we made of health information about you to others and which we are required to provide to you.

To request this list or accounting of disclosures, you must submit your request in writing to the Director of Client Records. Your request must state a time period which may not be longer than six years and may not include dates before April 14, 2003. Your request should indicate in what form you want the list (for example, on paper or electronically). The first list you request within a 12-month period will be free. For additional lists, we may charge you for the costs of providing the list. We will notify you of the cost involved and vou may choose to withdraw or modify your request at that time before any costs are incurred.

- Right to Request Restrictions. You have the right to request a restriction or limitation on the health information we use or disclose about you for treatment, payment or health care operations. You also have the right to request a limit on the health information we disclose about you to someone who is involved in your care or the payment for your care, like a family member or friend.
- We are not required to agree to your request. If we do agree, we will comply with your request unless the information is needed to provide you emergency treatment.
- To request restrictions, you must make your request in writing to the Director of Client Records. In your request, you must tell us (1) what information you want to limit; (2) whether you want to limit our use, disclosure or both; and (3)

to whom you want the limits to apply, for example, disclosures to your spouse.

Right to Request Confidential Communications. You have the right to request that we communicate with you about health matters in a certain way or at a certain location. For example, you can ask that we only contact you at work or by mail.

To request confidential communication, you must make your request in writing to the Director of Client Records. We will not ask you the reason for your request. We will accommodate all reasonable requests. Your request must specify how or where you wish to be contacted.

Right to a Paper Copy of This Notice. You have the right to a paper copy of this Privacy Notice. You may ask us to give you a copy of this Privacy Notice at any time by requesting a copy from any member of our Agency staff.

#### CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE

We reserve the right to change this Notice. We reserve the right to make the revised or changed Notice effective for health information we already have about you as well as any information we receive in the future. We will post a copy of the current Notice at the Agency and on its website if it maintains a website. The Notice will contain on the first page, in the top right-hand corner, the effective date. Any time you would like another copy of the Agency's Privacy Notice, you are entitled to such Notice in paper form.

#### **COMPLAINTS**

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may contact or submit your complaint in writing to the Privacy Officer at the Agency. If we cannot resolve your concern, you also have the right to file a written complaint with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. The quality of your care will not be jeopardized nor will you be penalized for filing a complaint.

#### **Concern/Grievance Form**

#### If you have a concern or problem:

- 1. Discuss it verbally with the staff member first.
- 2. If you are unable to resolve the problem, you may fill out the top portion of this form and give it to the staff member's supervisor.
- 3. If the supervisor is unable to resolve the problem to your satisfaction, you have the right to contact the Program Manager/Agency Administrator who will make a final decision.
- 4. If the Program Manager/Agency Administrator is unable to resolve the problem to your satisfaction, we can assist you in contacting the regulatory agency/funder.

You will receive a written response for each step in the process.

<u>name:</u>	Date.
Contact Phone Number(s	s):
Staff Member:	Program/Agency:
Please describe your cor	ncern:
	for internal agency use only
Staff Member Response:	
Supervisor Response:	
Program Manager/Agend	y Administrator Feedback:
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This guide to your Rights and Responsibilities is designed to help you get the best results from services offered by Catholic Charities.

Our agencies are committed to providing quality services for you and/or your family. We encourage you to participate in the programs that fit your needs. All services offered are subject to availability and you will not be refused admission or enrollment due to age, sex, race, or religious orientation.

# Your Rights Responsibilities



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> 314.367.5500 www.ccstl.org







**Your Program Contact Information:** 

Saint Louis Counseling 9200 Watson Road, Suite G101 St. Louis, MO 63126 314.544.3800 www.SaintLouisCounseling.org

Hours of Operation:
Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Hours may vary by location.





# Dignity & Respect

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Saint Louis has been helping people in need since 1912. Organized as a federation of various agencies, Catholic Charities has over 100 programs which assist more than 155,000 people annually at 50 sites.

Our services are provided without compromising your dignity, identity, or self-worth.

#### As a client, you have a right to:

- W Your dignity and respect from others. Safety from harm or threat.
- W Respect for your culture, values and needs.
- W Receive services in a confidential and fair manner, without regard to race, gender, religion, nationality, or disability.
- W Authorize the release of confidential information in writing, except for those areas listed in our Notice of Privacy Practices.
- W Request information regarding your own treatment record and request changes to the content. (These changes



- W Know when legal requirements may result in the release of confidential
- W Be treated as the primary source of information (legal guardian where applicable).
- W Active involvement in planning and receiving services, building on your strengths and needs.
- W Participate freely in decisions regarding services received.
- W An explanation of available services and of related fees.
- **W** Information when an appointment is delayed or postponed.
- **W** Refuse services and understand the consequences of your refusal.
- W Know the agency's concern/grievance procedure.
- W File a complaint without consequences, regarding services being provided.

#### Service Providers have a right to:

- W Treatment with dignity and respect.
- w Safety from harm or threat.
- W Take steps which might involve law enforcement officials when necessary to protect clients or others.
- W Use general information for studies, fundraising, and for demographic and statistical purposes.

The agency that you are working with may have rights and responsibilities in addition to those listed. Additional policies for minors are available.



Protecting the sanctity of the family is the purpose of our Family and Community programs.

### **Clients are responsible for:**

- W Active participation in services, complying with program rules for alcohol and drug usage.
- W Giving reasonable notice when an appointment cannot be kept.
- **W** Respecting the rights of others who are providing or receiving services.
- W Payment of any fees required for services.

Failure to fulfill these responsibilities could result in a client being discharged from the program.

## Your Service Providers are responsible for:

- **W** Treating clients and co-workers with respect.
- **W** Arranging the appropriate services within the limits of the agency's resources, based on the client's needs and concerns.
- W Maintaining confidentiality of all clients as outlined in our Notice of Privacy Practices.
- W Informing clients of circumstances that would legally require the disclosure of confidential information as outlined in our Notice of Privacy Practices.
- w Providing a safe environment.
- W Reporting suspected abuse, neglect, violence or public health risks as outlined in our Notice of Privacy Practices.

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Responsibility

